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HARD PROBLEM FOR M'GRAW TO SOLVE

Upon Whom Will He Depend to Pitch Giants to Victory To-Day?

IT MAY BE MARQUARD

"Red" Ames Reliable, and Might Prove His "One Best Bet."

BY "TY" COBB.
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Philadelphia, Pa., October 18.—While to-day's rain prevented the fourth game of the 1911 world's series between the Athletics and the New York Giants, the pitching problem of the Giants is a hard one to solve. The Giants have a number of pitchers, but none of them is a sure thing. The Giants have a number of pitchers, but none of them is a sure thing. The Giants have a number of pitchers, but none of them is a sure thing.

McGraw's Problem.
Just think what a problem McGraw is trying to solve. If he pitches a certain man and he wins everybody will call him a wise manager. But if he pitches the wrong man and the Giants lose, everybody will be trying to tell him why he should have used some other pitcher. Every baseball player and many "fans" know just what a job McGraw faces. It is practically all up to him, too, and he may wait until a few minutes before the umpire calls "play" to make his final decision.

Right here I want to say that upon McGraw's pitching selection much depends. If the Giants win to-morrow, they will have tied the series, each team having won two games, and they will be able to play the fifth contest in New York with home crowd and revived spirits. On the other hand, if the Athletics win they will have three victories, and will need only one more to clinch the 1911 series. That one should not be hard to get then. McGraw is carrying upon his shoulders a heavy load. No New Yorker envies him that load, either. I am certain.

I will predict that Manager Mack will pick Chief Bender to go back at the Giants. The Indian twirler a beautiful game in New York last Saturday and he rested long enough to be able to repeat. Or, of course, Plank could be in, particularly if Marquard was McGraw's choice, but I hardly think that likely. Bender seems the logical man for the job. If Bender pitches to-morrow and wins that probably will mean that Combs and "Matty" again will be the opposing twirlers in a battle in New York Friday, which may bring to an end this series of pitching duels. And that would be some fight.

It is most pleasing to Philadelphia fans that the Athletics showed against "Matty" on Tuesday. Some New Yorkers were sneering at the American Leaguers, with the exception of Baker, of course, until they started to hammer "Matty's" curves. Then they realized that the prediction of the writer that the offensive power of the Athletics should win the 1911 world's series for them probably would come true.

The Athletics are going to step up to the plate with plenty of confidence to-morrow. And it is going to take some mighty fine pitching, as good, if not better, than has yet been seen, to stop them.

The rain to-day helped the Giants, of course, for it sort of gave them "second wind." After that drubbing their one big card, Mathewson, reared Tuesday they were rather downhearted, but to-day they were wondering for a ball twirler who was fast "slipping." McGraw's men did not have a margin on the rest made possible by a rainy day, however. The Athletics rested, too, and will start after the Giants to-morrow afternoon determined to win two straight and finish the series. It is possible the Athletics surely have the advantage with their two victories, and while the series may not be completed Friday, I do not believe there is much doubt about the ultimate winner.

STAR TWIRLERS FOR ATHLETICS AND GIANTS ON WHOM MCGRAW AND MACK WILL DEPEND FOR TO-DAY'S GAME



CRANDALL—Pitcher.

BENDER—Pitcher.

AMES—Pitcher.

MARQUARD—Pitcher.

MEYERS—Catcher.



THOMAS—Catcher.

MORGAN—Pitcher.

LAPP—Catcher.

KRAUSE—Pitcher.

WILTSE—Pitcher.

THEORIES UPSET BY GIANTS PERFORMANCE

Mack's Flingers Just as Good as McGraws While New Yorkers Have Been Unable to Show Speed on Which Their Supporters Depended.

BY GUS MALBERT.

Over in Philadelphia they are saying to-day that the rain of yesterday, which prevented the fourth game of the world's series, was simply a case of the heavens weeping for joy at the victory of the Quakers. In Gotham town the rain is taken as an omen that the Giants will come back strong after their day's rest and ride the White Elephant down the greased way to defeat. After all, as the modern philosopher would say, it depends entirely from which side of the fence you view the parade.

Richmond fans spent the day in gloom. Here the sun was shining, and had the men who have charge of the world's series simply named Richmond as the place in which the games were to be played no such untoward happening as a rain storm would have halted the contests. Long before the game was to be called the crowd gathered in front of the electric scoreboard on The Times-Dispatch building. The sign was posted, "No game; rain," and the crowd kept moving.

Fans Have Guessing Bee.
It was pre-eminently a day of conjecturing. The two defeats of the Giants and their one victory were gone over again and each and every play discussed with the air of those who know. Collins' errors in the first contest, which let the winning run score for the Giants; Herzog's errors in the game Tuesday, and chief of all, Baker's two home runs at just the proper time, all formed topics for conversation, and seemingly proved sufficient food for one day.

Unquestionably the Athletics have the bulge at the present writing. The mere fact that McGraw has won twice as many games as Mack is a pretty good statement. There are other reasons, though, why the Elephants should lead the Polottes into camp during the remaining games. Study the composite box score for the three games, printed on this page, and the logic in this conclusion at once becomes apparent. First, the Athletics have the lead in every department of the game. They are hitting harder, holding better, and have actually outdone the Giants in what was considered McGraw's stronghold—stealing bases.

Athletics Aggressive.
Still another potent factor in the series is the aggressiveness of the Athletics. No game is ever lost to a team of ball players when there is fight in the men until the last minute.

The stronghold of the Athletics has been, all during the season, their ability to come from behind and turn defeat into victory. No opponent of the Athletics has been able to show this marvelous aggregation, which is a bad one. He will be called upon to parade all of his resources. If he turns what looks like certain defeat into victory, the baseball world will bow before him and his word will be the last in baseball.

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On the other hand, the Giants have shown a disposition, if not to quit, to at least lose heart. Take the game Tuesday as an example. With a one run lead the team played perfect ball. But just as soon as Baker walloped the ball over the fence and into the right field bleachers for the count which defeated in a series of post-season games, wilted. Being the team revolves, when Matty caved in the others lost heart, and a couple of miscues, with well directed bingles, saved up the game and gave the Athletics the lead.

Admitting that the pre-series predictions that the games would depend entirely upon the pitchers have all been proven true, it is equally true that Mack has shown that he is not far behind when it comes to pitchers. An analysis of the pitching records for the three games played will show that Bender, Plank and Combs have it on Mathewson, Crandall and Marquard.

Offense Better Than Defense.
However, the flinging, regardless of how good it has been, has not decided these games. Pitching in a ball game is purely defensive. If, for instance, any heavier could hold the opposing team hitless, obviously, unless something extraordinary occurred, such as his walking a large number of the batsmen to face him, he would win. But if, on the other hand, the pitcher opposing him did the same thing, the two teams would go to 0 to 0 tie. There would never be scores made in any game.

While defensive baseball is undoubtedly of the greatest importance, still, however true it may sound, it is the team with the wallop that will eventually win. The Athletics are better offensive ball players than the Giants, whether in a short or long series. The batting averages of the individual players and of the team as a whole, as compared with McGraw's men, will prove this. Will A. Phelon, picking the Giants to win, made the statement that there were too good reasons why the Athletics would lose—Mathewson was one reason and Marquard the other. Both reasons have been proved to be groundless, as both pitchers have worked and have lost. Which simply shows that no defense, not even that of the mighty Mathewson, is sufficient where the offense is greater.

Giants' Speed Lackings.
Phelon also said that speed would count, trying to offset the wallop of the Mackmen with the speed of the Giants. He should have known better than to believe that the Giants would be successful in purloining, and he should have bethought himself of the fact that in a short series, stealing second is not wise baseball. The hit-and-run, according to the best and most successful generals, is far better and more generally productive of good results. For, with a man on first and nobody down, should the runner trying to steal be caught, there would be nobody on and one down. With the hit-

and-run, even though the man going to second is caught, the batter would be safe, barring a double play, which, with experienced men at the bat, is rare.

The Giants have not stolen bases. They have been checked, and have probably learned a lesson. The rest of the series will be interesting. McGraw realizes that he is in a hole, and a bad one. He will be called upon to parade all of his resources. If he turns what looks like certain defeat into victory, the baseball world will bow before him and his word will be the last in baseball.

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SELLING STAKE BETTING UPSET

Twelve-to-One Shot Is Easy Winner Over Bedwell's Penny Royal.

Laurel, Md., October 18.—The Canvas back selling stakes, at six furlongs, this afternoon was a betting upset, H. G. Bedwell's Penny Royal getting nowhere, while Montclair, at 12 to 1, was an easy winner.

The Laurel Plate, for horses owned by the government officers of the army and navy, went to Kyrat, owned and ridden by Lieutenant Lyman, who outrode the favorite Matabon, ridden by Lieutenant C. K. Rockwell. Summary: First race—pure \$100, two-year-olds, seven furlongs—Kyrat (3 to 1) first, Duke Duffy (2 to 1) second, Little Ep. (1 to 2) third. Time, 1:31. Second race—pure \$400, three-year-olds and up, six furlongs—Horace (7 to 2) first, May Amelia (3 to 1) second, Mon Ami (even) third. Time, 1:17 1-5.

Third race—pure \$750, army and navy officers, two miles—Kyrat (6 to 1) first, O. K. (2 to 1) second, Phoenix Stag (2 to 1) third. Time, 3:58.

Fourth race—pure \$1,500, three-year-olds and up, one mile—Plate Glass (3 to 5) first, Lochiel (2 to 1) second, Kormack (5 to 5) third. Time, 1:44 2-5.

Fifth race—pure \$500, three-year-olds and up, one mile and a sixteenth—Font (11 to 10) first, Grania (2 to 1) second, The Golden Butterfly (1 to 1) third. Time, 1:48.

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DRIZZLING RAIN IN PHILADELPHIA

Forecaster Says "Fair," but Conditions Are Not Promising.

PLAYERS IN GOOD SHAPE

Believed Ames or Wiltse Will Go to Mound for the Giants.

Philadelphia, Pa., October 18.—Notwithstanding that Forecaster Bliss tonight stated that rain probably would not interfere with the fourth game of the world's series, scheduled to take place to-morrow at Shibe Park, between the New York Giants and the Athletics, a drizzle set in shortly before 10 o'clock and the wind, which had shifted from east to west early in the afternoon, veered to the north. Almost an inch of rain fell during the day, but if the sun comes out to-morrow, the grounds can be put in good condition, as the diamond dries out quickly.

To-night's forecast locally holds out encouragement for a game. Forecaster Bliss says while the day may not be ideal one for the national pastime, he does not believe that there will be any rainfall.

Both teams spent to-day at the theatres, and to-night several of the players attended the bout between Leo Houck and Frank Klaus, at the American Athletic Club.

The players are in good condition, with the possible exception of Baker, who was spiked by Snodgrass, and are anxious for resumption of the series.

Neither Manager Mack nor Manager McGraw would announce definitely the selection for to-morrow's game. It is well known here that Manager Mack is anxious to win the two remaining games and close the series, and his selection will depend entirely upon whom Manager McGraw wins his faith. If the latter, as it is rumored to-night, should choose either Ames or Wiltse to lead the twirling to-morrow, it is thought that McGraw will send either Morgan or Krause to the slab, and have Bender for the sixth game to be played in New York on Friday. Mack does not believe that Mathewson will be called upon to pitch a third game, and he figures it out that Marquard will be sent in on Friday on the home grounds, where he would be less liable to become nervous than in facing a partisan crowd on the local grounds.

Manager Mack refused to discuss the unfortunate Snodgrass incident. He simply said it was one of the "fortunes of war."

WINS TWO STRAIGHT SETS IN VARSITY CHAMPIONSHIP

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Charlottesville, Va., October 18.—Eppie Rice, the star twirler of the Virginia baseball team, won the varsity championship for the tennis championship of the University of Virginia. At the close of play the team won three out of five matches. Rice won the first match, 6-3, 6-2. The time for playing the other games of the match had not been determined upon. Rice won by very accurate back court play. He passed Put repeatedly as the latter ran in. Put appeared to be in poor condition, missing many easy chances and not playing his usual strong game.

CHICAGO AMERICANS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP

Chicago, Ill., October 18.—Winning four games in a row, the Chicago American League team won the city baseball championship from the Chicago Nationals to-day. The Americans exhibit their opponents, getting eleven hits off Brown in 5 innings. Cheney, who replaced him, also was hit freely. Walsh pitched splendid ball, holding the Nationals to five hits.

The score:
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Chicago Nationals.....2 5 1

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Total	101,785	\$195,914.50	\$105,798.83	\$70,529.22	\$19,591.45